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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: TRUNG T. DOAN

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FOR: **METHODS FOR PREPARING SAMPLES
FOR ATOM PROBE ANALYSIS**

EXAMINER: JACK I. BERMAN

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed June 9, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-11, 14-17, 20-28, 30, 31 and 34-50. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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